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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND FINANCE**

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 7-1-708.2, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") hereby orders you, Almas Hashim, to cease and desist from engaging in activities in violation of the laws and rules regulating the check cashing industry in Georgia. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-700 *et seq.* and Rule Chapter 80-3-1. Specifically, the Department has evidence that you employed a felon in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 7-1-702 (2007) and 7-1-703(b) (2014), failed to perform Georgia Crime Information (G.C.I.C.) background checks on covered employees in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 7-1-702 (2007) and 7-1-703(d) (2014), and failed to maintain a record of cashed payment instruments in violation of Rule 80-3-1-.02(5)(b).

You may request a hearing to contest the decision of the Department to revoke your check cashing license. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-708. The hearing will be held before an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings. You may retain counsel of your choice and subpoena witnesses and documentary evidence. The Office of the Attorney General will represent the Department.

The request for a hearing must be made in writing within twenty days of the date of this Order. Please be advised that if you do not request a hearing in writing within twenty days of the date of this Order, this Order shall become a final order. As a result, a check casher will be prohibited from employing you for a period of five years to perform any functions governed by the laws and rules regulating the check cashing industry in Georgia. O.C.G.A. § 7-1-708(b). This restriction in no way prohibits you from engaging in business with a check casher that qualifies for an exemption found in O.C.G.A. § 7-1-701.1. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Heidi Dias, Non-Depository Financial Institutions Division Attorney, at (770) 986-1649.

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Deputy Commissioner
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